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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 6873

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SUBJ: ALLEGED ATROCITIES IN CHILE

REFS: (A) STATE 173517, (B) SANTIAGO 6416 (C) SANTIAGO 6573

1. THE EMBASSY IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEM POSED BY SENATOR PELL, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DILEMMA IN MEETING HIS REQUEST. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGER OF COMPROMISING OUR SOURCES, AS WELL AS THE EMBASSY ITSELF. SANITIZING OUR ANALYSIS NEVERTHELESS WOULD BE TOO TRICKY. IN RETROSPECT THAT THE INCIDENT SHOWS THE NEED FOR CAUTION IN ACCEPTING ANY SUCH UNEVALUATION DOCUMENT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING A GENERAL STATEMENT WITH SENATOR PELL. WE RECOMMEND WORDING OF THE EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY EVALUATION (PARA 2 SANTIAGO 6416), THE ANALYSIS IN PARA THREE OF REF B IS BASED ON UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL. RELEASING SUBSTANCE OF THIS PARA WOULD SHOW THE NEED FOR GREAT CAUTION IN HANDLING THE DOCUMENT, SINCE THE IMCOMPETENCE IN DRAFTING, AND THE BAD FAITH DISPLAYED, IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPERTISE CLAIMED FOR THE DRAFTERS.
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